(b) whether the Government propose to upgrade the Bhubaneshwar city to a 'B' class city for the purpose of House Rent Allowance and Compensatory City Allowance;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE) (a) : The population obtaining within the Municipal limits of Bhubaneshwar city as per 1981 Census is 2,19,211. The final population figures of this city as per 1991 Census are not yet available.

(b) to (d) The question of upgradation of Bhubaneshwar to a 'B-2' class city for the purpose of House Rent Allowance and Compensatory (City) Allowance will be taken up after final population figures of 1991 census become available.

[*Translation*]

Functioning of Sainik School, Chittorgarh

2335. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) since when the Sainik School is functioning at Chittorgarh in Rajasthan and the details of income and expenditure of the school for the last three years;

(b) whether any step has been taken for the progress of the school during this period;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) Details of the income and expenditure of the Sainik School at Chittorgarh, which was established in 1961, are given below :—

(Amount in lakh of Rs.)

Year	Income	Expenditure
1988-89 . . .	51·33	46·54
1989-90 . . .	55·63	50·28
1990-91 . . .	54·38	64·58

(b) to (d) The performance of Sainik Schools is regularly reviewed, at various levels. Some of the important steps taken in the recent past are :

(i) Improvement in the service conditions of the Sainik School employees (provision of General Provident Fund, Pension, Death-cum-Retirement Gratuity, Leave Encashment, Leave Travel Concessions etc.) to attract better talent and encourage motivation.

(ii) Complete prohibition on private tuition work being done by the teachers of Sainik Schools.

(iii) Arrangement of special (extra) classes in English for the new entrants.

In the Chittorgarh School the following steps have also been taken to improve the teaching :—

(a) An Audio Visual Resource Centre has been established. It has video cassettes of lessons taught to reinforce learning. Video cassettes on other subjects are also made available to the students.

(b) Computer training has been introduced.

[*English*]

Mulberry Cultivation

2336. SHRI P. C. THOMAS : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the places where Mulberry is mainly cultivated ?

(b) the incentives given by the Government to increase the cultivation of Mulberry; and

(c) the target fixed for the cultivation of Mulberry during the current year and the results achieved so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Jammu &

Kashmir are traditional mulberry cultivating states accounting for about 85% of mulberry acreage in the country.

(b) In order to supplement the effort of the State Sericulture Deptts., the following schemes are being implemented by the Central Silk Board to increase cultivation of mulberry:

1. Supply of Mulberry cuttings to State Sericulture Deptts. at subsidised rates.
2. Supply of mulberry saplings to farmers at subsidised rate under Kisan Nursery Programme in selected districts.
3. Supply of improved varieties of mulberry cuttings to states free of cost for propagation of new mulberry varieties.

(c) An incremental target of 0·25 lakh hectares has been fixed for mulberry acreage during the current financial year. However, the extent of achievement will be known only at the end of the financial year on the basis of the progress reports to be received from the State Sericulture Departments.

State(s)

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Overdrafts of States

2337. SHRI T. J. ANJALOSE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the amount of overdrafts of States as on June 30, 1991, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): No State was in overdraft by the end of June, 1991.

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Shifting of Professional Processing Unit of International Finance Corporation

2338. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government are aware of the International Finance Corporation's (I.F.C.) proposal to shift its professional processing unit from Washington to India; and

(b) if so, the reasons advanced by the I.F.C. to the Union Government for such shifting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) and (b) The International Finance Corporation is considering expanding its Regional Mission in India to enable it to undertake more investment promotion and project processing work in response to the needs of its clients in the region.

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Export of Leather goods from Tamilnadu

2339. SHRI R. JEEVARATHINAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the foreign exchange earned from the export of leather goods from Tamil Nadu during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to develop the leather trade and introduce modern equipment for leather manufacturing in Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) The exports of leather and leather products from Tamil Nadu during the last three years have been as follows :

Year	(in Rs. Crores) Exports
1988-89	753·88
1989-90	847·75
1990-91	1211·63

(b) The steps taken by Government of India include facilitating the import of machinery, equipment and raw material building up infrastructural facilities and directly assisting exporters in their efforts to promote exports.

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Waiving of Loans under Agricultural and Rural Debt Relief Scheme

2340. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether only the instalments due on October 2, 1986 and unpaid and not the whole amount due on that date were covered under the Agricultural and Rural Debt Relief Scheme, 1990;